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For: SOLID ELECTROLYTE TYPE	:	
FUEL CELL	:	

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT WITH CERTIFICATION**

Assistant Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. A copy of European Search Report of the corresponding European Application No. 05 72 0454.7 is attached hereto.

I hereby certify that each item of information in the Information Disclosure Statement filed herewith was cited for the first time in any communication from a foreign patent office in any counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this information disclosure statement.

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International Patent Publication No. 96/02951 appears to disclose a method and device for operating a fuel cell system. U.S. Patent No. 5,856,034 is believed to be equivalent to WO 96/02951 and thus, being cited in this Information Disclosure Statement.

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